

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSISTANCE TO SCHOLARS TO COMMEMORATE  
THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE

The Honourable House is invited to note the proposals for the award of scholarships and for assistance to poor students to commemorate the granting of Independence. It is considered fitting that the occasion should be marked by these special awards in the academic field.

2. The proposals cover:-

- (a) Scholarships for Higher, Post-Graduate, Secondary and Technical Education; and
- (b) Special assistance to students who entered secondary schools as fee-paying students, but who were forced to leave school during 1962 or about whom decision has actually been taken to leave at the end of the Summer Term, 1962 only because of inability to pay school fees.

Scholarships:

3. It is proposed to award the following scholarships annually:

- (i) Two Scholarships to be known as the Jamaica Independence (University) Scholarships tenable at the University of the West Indies, both to be awarded on the results of the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examination (or the General Certificate of Education when this supersedes the Higher Schools in 1964). The age limit, tenure and other conditions will, for the most part, be similar to those existing for the Jamaica Scholarships excepting that one will be awarded to a student who spent at least 3 years at a Primary School as in the case of the Jamaica Centenary Scholarship which is awarded to a boy and a girl in alternate years. This award will also be made to a boy and a girl in alternate years so that in the year when the Centenary Scholarship is awarded to a boy, the Independence Scholarship will be awarded to a girl and vice versa in the succeeding year.
- (ii) One Post-Graduate Scholarship to be known as the Jamaica Independence (Post-Graduate) Scholarship to be offered to a Jamaican recommended by the UWI as being the most deserving from among the .....

the graduating students. This award may be held at any appropriate University.

- (iii) Three awards to be known as the Jamaica Independence (Agricultural) Scholarships for graduates of the Jamaica School of Agriculture, two to be tenable at the faculty of Agriculture of the UWI. The other may be held at any approved University and students desirous of studying veterinary science or veterinary medicine will be eligible.
- (iv) Five annual awards to be known as the Jamaica Independence (Technical) Scholarships, tenable at the College of Arts, Science and Technology to students from High School, Technical High Schools or Comprehensive High Schools.
- (v) Two annual awards to be known as the Jamaica Independence (Secondary Schools) Scholarships granted on the results of the Common Entrance Examination to Secondary Schools to children who attended Primary Schools for at least three years.

4. All the above scholarships will be competed for annually in perpetuity and appropriate regularizations covering all aspects of selection, tenure and so on will be made shortly. Since the Jamaica Independence (University) scholarships are to be awarded on the results of the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examinations which are held in December, the first awards cannot be made until 1963. The Independence (Agricultural) Scholarship will also be awarded for the first time in 1963, the entrance exam of the UWI having already been held for students seeking entry in September, 1962. The Post-graduate award and those tenable at CAST, will, however, be made for the first time in 1962. The winners of the two Independence (Secondary Schools) Scholarships will be announced this year and the scholars will enter Secondary Schools in January, 1963.

#### Special Assistance to Secondary Schools Students

5. In recent years, approximately 2,000 students have been admitted to Secondary schools each year as free place scholars. Another 600-800 enter as grant place students having satisfied the academic requirements of entry through sitting the Common Entrance Examination. These are required to pay the fees charged at the individual schools. A large percentage of those who satisfy the entrance requirements are, however, unable to enter because their parents are not in a position to pay fees. For example, on the results of the CEE held in 1961, there were 1,036 children eligible to enter as grant-aided fee-paying students who did not.

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This is a problem which cannot be solved immediately but it is proposed to help some students who ~~ended~~<sup>entered</sup> school in January, 1962 and were withdrawn or face withdrawal at the end of the Summer Term 1962, because of their parents' inability to pay the fees. If financial assistance based on need were given to such students in this year of Independence it would be a worthy gesture befitting the occasion.

6. It is anticipated that about 100 children will need to be so assisted to continue at school and to complete their course. It is not intended to offer these children free places, but only to afford them enough assistance to enable them to continue in school. The amount of assistance will vary accordingly to need and only in special cases will boarding expenses be paid.

Appeal to Private Firms and Citizens

7. The Government wishes to make an appeal to the general public and business organisations to pledge assistance in the form of scholarships or financial aid to deserving students in the secondary education field. Ministers of Government have made offers of scholarships from their private resources as also a number of organisations and it is hoped that this will be emulated by many other persons and firms in a position to do so.

8. It should be mentioned that all scholarship awards and assistance would be made only after three criteria are satisfied:

- (i) scholarship students must be of prescribed academic standard;
- (ii) assistance will be based on proved need;
- (iii) those so assisted must be of good conduct and be making satisfactory progress at school.

9. Further publicity will be given to the way in which the scholarships or assistance offered will be administered.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Title	No. of Annual Awards	Particulars	ANNUAL COSTS			
			1962/63	1963/64	1964/65	1965/66
1. Independence (University) Scholarships	2	Tuition & Maintenance & passages where necessary	-	800	3,800	5,600
2. Independence (Post-Graduate) Scholarship	1	-do-	550	1,400	1,400	1,400
3. Independence (Agr'l.) Scholarships	3	-do-	-	1,200	3,600	5,400
4. Independence (Tech.) Scholarships	5	Tuition & Maintenance	520	1,395	2,270	2,625
5. Independence (Secondary Schools) Scholarships	2	Tuition, full boarding & books	360	760	1,120	1,480
	13		£1,430	£5,555	£12,190	£16,505

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ASSISTANCE TO SECONDARY/FEE PAYING PUPILS

TABLE 2

35 students: Annual cost of full boarding, tuition and outfit @ £205 = £ 7,175

65 students: Annual cost of tuition with a small allowance for books and outfit @ £ 85 = £ 5,525

£12,700 p.a.

11. The annual additional costs in Table I will level off in 1965/66 as most scholars will complete their courses and new awards will fill the vacancies so created. It is proposed to absorb many of these awards in the many scholarships now being offered at the UWI and elsewhere by Government. The additional peak cost of £16,505 shown in Table I will accordingly be reduced to the extent that these new awards are absorbed within the existing framework. The cost of assistance amounting to £12,700 (Table II) represents an additional financial commitment in respect of which a further sum of £8,400 will need to be approved by supplementary provision under Head 48 - Education, Sub-Head 11 - Secondary Education - Free Places, Assistance, Grants, etc., to meet expenditure in the financial year 1962/63 ..../

1962/63. The annual expenditure will rise to £12,700 in 1963/64 and continue unabated until around 1966/67 when these scholars will have completed their courses.

12. The House is invited to endorse these proposals and to agree to the additional cost of £8,400 for this financial year being included in supplementary Estimate proposals to be presented to the House later this year.

Ministry of Education,  
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